Mapperley Plains Primary School

MPPS bulletin

Friday 16 October 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	02/11/26	**03/11/26**	**04/11/26**	**05/11/26**	**06/11/26**
Next week	Children return Years 5–6 Bikeability Group 1	Years 5–6 Bikeability Group 1	Years 5–6 Bikeability Group 2	Years 5–6 Bikeability Group 2 Group 3 Foundation admissions tour 16:00	Years 5-6 Bikeability Group 3 RE Day: Diwali
	09/11/26	**10/11/26**	**11/11/26**	**12/11/26**	**13/11/26**
Following week			Remembrance Assembly	Foundation admissions tours 10:00 and 16:00	
After School Clubs	Cheerleading Club (F1–Year 6)	Gardening Club (Years 5–6)	Drama Club (F1–Year 6)	Eco Club (KS2) Languages Club (Years 3–6)	Summers in time Dance (F1–Year 6)

A Message from Mr Summers

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, it feels a good moment to reflect on just how much has happened since we returned in September. Children have settled into new classes and routines, families have joined us for Meet the Teacher sessions, Big Build, woolly mammoth making and Stay and Read and we have enjoyed a growing range of experiences beyond the classroom, including drumming workshops, Bikeability, Perlethorpe, the Big Red Bus and this week's Stone Age visits to Bestwood Lodge. Each has added something different to school life and given children opportunities to explore, ask questions, work together and take pride in what they are learning.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Parents' Evenings on Wednesday and Thursday. These conversations are an important part of the partnership between home and school and it was valuable to have time to recognise what children have achieved so far, talk openly about how they are getting on and agree the next steps for the term ahead. Thank you too for your patience with the different booking arrangements this time.

Yesterday's Celebration Assembly was a fitting way to bring the half term towards a close. Alongside academic achievement, we want children to understand that kindness, perseverance, independence, curiosity and the way they contribute to their class and school community all matter. There has been plenty to recognise during the first half term and I hope children can look back with a real sense of pride in what they have achieved.

Our staff have continued their development too. Yesterday, a group completed the final day of our Building Relational Schools programme. This work is helping us develop a more consistent approach to relationships and behaviour across school, with clear expectations, calm responses and a strong focus on helping children understand what has happened and repair relationships when things go wrong. The training itself is only the starting point and our focus now is on making that consistency visible in everyday practice.

Thank you for the support, encouragement and involvement you have shown throughout this first half term. It has been good to see our school community coming together in so many different ways and I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy a well earned break.

Kind regards,

Mr P Summers
Headteacher

Be kind. Be curious. Be my best.

Information

Starting school in September 2027?

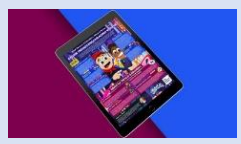
Our next Foundation admissions tours take place on:

Thursday 5 November at 4pm, Thursday 12 November at 10am and 4pm and Tuesday 17 November at 10am.

Please share these dates with families who may be interested in joining our school.

Family Support

What Parents/Carers need to know about AI Companions *(click link to find out more)*



AI companion apps such as Character.ai, Replika and Snapchat My AI are becoming increasingly popular with young people. They can be entertaining and creative, but because conversations can feel very human there are also risks around inappropriate content, sharing personal information, becoming overly reliant on a chatbot and receiving poor or unsafe advice.

It is important that children understand the difference between an AI conversation and a real relationship. Families can help by talking openly about how these apps work, checking privacy and subscription settings and encouraging children to speak to a trusted adult if something they see or are told online worries them. Maintaining healthy offline friendships and relationships is an important part of keeping this technology in perspective.

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MPPS Diary Dates

Week	Day	Date	Timings	Description
October Half Term 19/10/26–30/10/26				
45	Mon	02/11/26		Children return to school
45	Mon	02/11/26	All day	Years 5–6 Bikeability: Group 1
45	Tue	03/11/26	All day	Years 5–6 Bikeability: Group 1
45	Wed	04/11/26	All day	Years 5–6 Bikeability: Group 2
45	Thu	05/11/26	All day	Years 5–6 Bikeability: Group 2 & 3
45	Thu	05/11/26	16:00	Foundation admissions tour for 2027 starters
45	Fri	06/11/26	All day	Years 5-6 Bikeability: Group 2 & 3
45	Fri	06/11/26	All day	RE Day: Diwali
46	Thu	12/11/26	10:00	Foundation admissions tour for 2027 starters
46	Thu	12/11/26	16:00	Foundation admissions tour for 2027 starters
47	Mon	16/11/26	All day	Anti-Bullying Week begins / Odd Socks Day
47	Tue	17/11/26	10:00	Foundation admissions tour for 2027 starters
47	Fri	20/11/26	Morning	Flu vaccinations
51	Tue	15/12/26		Cinderella: whole-school pantomime
51	Fri	18/12/26	09:10	Autumn 2 Celebration Assembly (invitation only)
51	Fri	18/12/26		Last day of autumn term
Christmas Break 21/12/26–01/01/27				
1	Mon	04/01/27		Children return to school
4	Fri	29/01/27	All day	INSET day: school closed to children
February Half Term 15/02/27–19/02/27				
8	Mon	22/02/27		Children return to school
Easter Break 26/03/27–09/04/27				
15	Mon	12/04/27		Children return to school

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MPPS Diary Dates

Week	Day	Date	Timings	Description
18	Mon	03/05/27	All day	Early May bank holiday: school closed
Summer Half Term 31/05/27–04/06/27				
23	Mon	07/06/27	All day	INSET day: school closed to children
23	Tue	08/06/27		Children return to school
30	Wed	28/07/27		Last day of summer term
Summer Break From 29/07/27				

Safeguarding at Mapperley Plains

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please contact the school on 0115 964 9360 or safeguarding@mapperleyplains.notts.sch.uk. If a child is at immediate risk of harm, contact the police on 999.

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